

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

By this Amendment, claims 7, 8, 10 and 12 have been amended to change their dependency and to place the claims in condition for allowance and claim 11 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, after entry of this Response claims 2-5, 7-8, 10, 12-13, 16-19 and 23-24 will remain pending in the patent application.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 2-5, 13, 16-19, 23 and 24 are allowed.

Claims 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on Lee (U.S. Patent No. 5,930,610) in view of Malik *et al.* (hereinafter "Malik") ("Polymer Structural Variation Towards Enhancing KrF Resist Lithographic Properties," Journal of Photopolymer Science and Technology, Vol. 11, No. 3, p. 431-438). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 7, 8, 10 and 12 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 13. Therefore, claims 7, 8, 10 and 12 are patentable over the cited portions of Lee, Malik and any proper combination thereof at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 13 and for the additional features recited therein.

Claim 11 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer thus rendering moot the rejection of this claim.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on Lee in view of Malik are respectfully requested.

The sole rejection having been addressed, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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